

Please DO NOT SUPPORT this substitute and DO PASS the original bill as it was before the proposed amendments. At 17 years old, an individual is not yet an adult, according to the law, and should not be treated as an adult, therefore not receiving such a harsh sentence, with no chance to prove they can change. Adolescents and adults are biologically, such as brain development, and other ways different, as many studies have shown, and therefore should be treated as such when considering the types of sentences to render upon them. It's time we start acting like it, and stop this unfair treatment of our children!!!!

Thank you
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